

Abstract

A pant-like, refastenable, disposable absorbent article includes an absorbent chassis and a pair of opposed side panels. The absorbent chassis defines a pair of laterally opposed  
5 side edges and a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges. The side panels extend between the side edges of the absorbent chassis to define a waist opening and a pair of leg openings in the pant-like disposable absorbent article. Each of the opposed side panels defines a first side margin which is permanently attached to the side edge of the absorbent chassis in a back waist region of the absorbent article to provide a permanent  
10 joint. Each of the opposed side panels further defines a second side margin opposite the first side margin which is refastenably attached to the side edge of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region of the absorbent article to provide a refastenable joint.